

ASA Travel Program Committee Meeting Minutes

May 15, 2019

The Travel Committee (TC) of the Arlington Soccer Association (ASA) held its monthly meeting on May 15, 2019, at the ASA's offices on 5210 Wilson Blvd, Arlington, VA 22205.

TC members in attendance (listed alphabetically): Mark Churchill, Colleen Cresanti, Marc Garufi, Katie Koppelman, Rhodri Morgan, and Michael Rupert. Staff members in attendance: German Peri.

I. Call to Order and Opening Comments

a. Approval of Minutes

The April 2019 TC Meeting Minutes were circulated. Voting on the minutes, pending edits, would occur over e-mail.

II. Report on ASA Board Meeting

Chair Marc Garufi reported on the most recent ASA Board Meeting. The Board is looking to come up with an endowment proposal (Finance Committee). There was also some discussion of TC member involvement in Board committees. ASA is moving forward with its new branding for the club, effective 2019-20. The Board also discussed how Tuesday Night Training (TNT) has been well received by rec coaches.

III. Director of Coaching Report

DOC Peri reported on various items.

- Tryouts are ongoing.
- The coaching lineup had been circulated, but is subject to minor changes that could not be announced at present because of contract issues.
- 2001-2002G will have enough girls to field a second team (which is not currently reflected in the travel team count).
- 2008 boys had an especially large tryout, which might dictate the need for another team beyond the 5 originally budgeted (DA, Red, White, Blue, & Black).
- In response to questions concerning team selection protocols, DOC Peri explained Travel's initial player selection process, including the roles played in various circumstances on player selection and that, fundamentally, ASA is club-based in its decision making on players and team formation.
- The TC also discussed why Team rosters were not being circulated with offer e-mails. Answers would be provided over e-mail with Ops Director Melissa Riemer.

IV. Other Issues

a. Communication

DOC Peri and Ops Director Riemer have been reviewing feedback form and technical staff surveys. In the future, the plan is to use the coaching survey twice a year instead of once. The TC discussed possibly circulating program (not coach) feedback for TC review.

b. Board Elections/Membership Meeting

TC Member Greg Flatt reported on the ASA Board nomination and election process. 12 people applied, and were subject to a light screen from the ASA Board Nominating Committee. Information and some feedback regarding the remaining candidates would be circulated to the TC. A May 29 "meet and greet" for Board Members and the remaining candidates was planned. TC Members Mark Churchill and Rhodri Morgan would attend, along with Chair Garufi.

c. TC Elections

TC Member Mike Rupert agreed to serve as TC volunteer for the upcoming TC election process.

d. Role of Travel Committee

The TC discussed the role of the TC and how to funnel information to the Technical Staff, as well as how to have the TC share the information. Options included a league kick-off meeting for managers, including Age Group Commissioners at initial team meetings, and augmented use of the feedback form on line.

The TC also reviewed Chair Garufi's comments on suggested revisions the by-laws, and discussed, in particular, whether TC Member terms should be changed. TC Member Katie Koppelman volunteered to draft and circulate an insert on the TC's purpose.

V. Issues for Next Meeting

a. Elections

VI. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 10:01 p.m. The next meeting was scheduled for June 19, 2019.